Chapter 12
Starry Night and Dream
Shen Lei
星軌是天空的道路
THE TRAIL IS THE SKY'S ROAD

EMBRACING THE LANDS LIKE LIGHT AND LIKE DARKNESS AN ETERNAL NIGHT
THE CRISS-CROSSING COORDINATES, SHALL BE AS ORDER, AND IMBALANCED ABASEMENT, AS CHAOS
ABIDING BY THE CONTRACT OF EXISTENCE, CONTINUING INTO INFINITY
A HEART OF MURDEROUS INTENT SHALL BE AS EVIL A SHIELD THAT PROTECTS AS JUSTICE
ALL BEINGS IN THIS WORLD SHALL BE AS TWO OPPOSING HALVES

SHUAmm
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LOOKING GOOD THERE, AREN'T YOU, YI LUO JIA?
HEH, FORTUNATELY...
EVERYONE HAS BEEN FAST WITH THEIR RESPONSES
IT'S BECAUSE THERE WAS SOMEONE WHO USED "SOUL RELEASE: SIMULTANEOUS CRY" AND "POWER BORROWING" AT THE SAME TIME
HAHA... WHO ELSE COULD PULL THAT OFF BESIDES HIM?
AN ASSBURN FOOL LIKE THAT CAN ONLY BE LING KONG

NO II PERMISSION GRANTED
NO V PERMISSION GRANTED
NO VII PERMISSION GRANTED
NO IV PERMISSION GRANTED
NO I PERMISSION GRANTED
PACT ACTIVATED!

"PACT OF ALL BEINGS" ACTIVATE—
"INITIAL USER LING KONG" REPLACES
NO. VII "THE WATCHER NAFAE".
IMPLEMENT —LAW ALTERATION!

...KAPHI.
KAPHI, IT'S TIME FOR CLASS.
ARE YOU LATE AGAIN TODAY?
AH...
.....ER, I'LL GO RIGHT NOW.....

SHALL I TELL THE TEACHER TO GIVE YOU A DAY OFF?
DO YOU WANT TO SKIP TODAY?
I CAN'T DO THAT.
I'M NOT YOU, BIG BROTHER. I'LL...
I'LL GET SCOLDED BY FATHER AND MOTHER
....

BIG BROTHER?

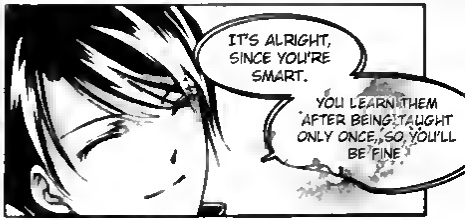
HMM? KAPHI, YOU'RE NOT FULLY AWAKE YET?
WANT ME TO CARRY YOU BACK?
BIG BROTHER!

BROTHER!
BRO-THER!
BRO-THER!
YEAH, WHAT'S UP?
...I SAW YOU DIE...
FATHER AND MOTHER BOTH HATE ME.
PEOPLE FROM EVERYWHERE WANT TO KILL ME.
WHEREVER I GO...
THIS NIGHTMARE...
.....A NIGHTMARE?

THERE THERE
YOU MUST BE VERY TIRED

LET THE MADAM KNOW THAT THE YOUNG MISS WON'T BE ATTENDING CLASS TODAY
YES YOUNG MASTER WAE-LISHA

AREN'T YOU GLAD NOW? YOU HAVE AN ENTIRE DAY OFF AGAIN
IT'S GOING TO AFFECT MY STUDIES THOUGH..


IT'S ALRIGHT, SINCE YOU'RE SMART.
YOU LEARN THEM AFTER BEING TAUGHT ONLY ONCE,, SO, YOU'LL BE FINE

...THANK YOU, BIG BROTHER.
EH? WHAT IS THIS FEELING?

MOTHER SHOULDN'T BE BACK YET
LET'S FIND FATHER AND PLAY SOME CHESS WITH HIM, THEN
...I'D RATHER NOT. THEY BOTH HATE ME.
I DON'T WANT TO MAKE THEM UNHAPPY
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? ARE YOU STILL DROWSY?
WHAT'RE YOU TWO SO HAPPY ABOUT?

YOU CAME AT JUST THE RIGHT TIME, WAELISHA, KAPHI.
HELP ME TAKE A LOOK AT THIS...
FATHER, YOU'RE FIDDLING WITH THOSE BORING SEALS AGAIN
WHY NOT HAVE A GAME OF CHESS WITH ME?
ALL RIGHT, VERY WELL. SINCE MY DEAR CHILD HAS ASKED ME...
...HEY, KAPHI. WHY THE SILENCE?
IT'S BECAUSE SHE HAD A STRANGE NIGHTMARE
IT WAS JUST A NIGHTMARE, SO THERE'S NOTHING TO BE WORRIED ABOUT.

COME, KAPH! LET ME HOLD YOU.
AH——?!
FATHER, PLEASE ENJOY THE TEA
AH... AH... HOW CAN I WIN AGAINST YOUR BROTHER?
THIS KIND OF FEELING, FATHER.....
WHY

FIFTH GAME. ALRIGHT. IT'S TIME FOR SUPPER.
EH, SURELY YOU SHOULDN'T LET YOUR FATHER LOSE THIS BADLY, CHILD?
COMPARED TO AN AWKWARD MODESTY, THE BEST WAY TO SHOW RESPECT TO YOUR ENEMIES IS BY GIVING ALL YOU HAVE
THIS IS WHAT YOU HAVE TAUGHT ME, FATHER.
YES, I'VE GOT IT. REALLY, WHEN THE CHILD IS SO EXCEPTIONAL, BEING THE FATHER HAS ITS PAINS, RIGHT?

WHAT'S WRONG? KAPHI, DOES IT NOT SUIT YOUR TASTE?
NOT AT ALL. IT'S VERY DELICIOUS, SO I'M GOING TO SAVE THIS FOR ...
—FOR WHOM?
ARE YOU RAISING A PET, KAPHI? I HOPE IT'S NOTHING DANGEROUS.
THERE ARE MAGICAL BEASTS OUT THERE THAT ONLY ACT HARMLESS, SO LET ME TAKE A LOOK AT IT LATER.

NO.
THAT'S NOT IT. IT'S..
THIS IS SO ODD...
KAPHISILIA?! WHAT'S WRONG?
KAPHI?
GET THE DOCTOR—

...FOOL...
IT'S FUTILE
THOSE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED GREAT SUFFERING ARE THOSE WHO FALL MOST EASILY INTO NOSTALGIA. THAT'S HOW HUMANS ARE
NO LAW CAN CHANGE THEIR FEELINGS
EVEN IF YOU GO THIS FAR, IT WILL ALL COME TO NOTHING...

YOU AWAKE?
I'M RELIEVED
BIG BROTHER .. I HAD ANOTHER DREAM
THERE WAS A PERSON WITH GOLDEN EYES.
HE LOVES TO EAT,
BUT HE HAD A NASTY TEMPER, AND HE ALSO BROUGHT A SILVER BIRD WITH HIM...

HUSH NOW. THE DOCTOR SAID YOU'RE OVER-EXHAUSTED FROM LACK OF SLEEP
MOTHER'S ANGRY SHE SAID SOMETHING AROUT FATHER GIVING A CHILD LIKE YOU TOO MUCH PRESSURE
FATHER FEELS GUILTY AROUT IT TOO AND HE GAVE THE TEACHERS A TOUGH SCOLDING. ASKING THEM TO GIVE YOU A MONTH OFF
BIG BROTHER.
YES
WILL YOU GO ON A PICNIC WITH ME AFTER I'VE RECOVERED?
IS THAT ALL? IT'S NO PROBLEM.
WILL YOU PLAY WITH ME?
YES.
GIVE ME LESSONS AND SWORD-TRAINING?
OF COURSE
WILL YOU ALWAYS STAY BY MY SIDE?

YEAH.
THANK YOU.
THANK YOU, BIG
BROTHER.

BUT NONE OF THIS IS REAL, IS IT?

YES, I DID. NONE OF THIS IS REAL.
MY TRUE SELF IS AT—
HUSH -
YOU FOUND OUT, EH.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH IT EVEN IF IT'S NOT REAL?
KIND, GENTLE PARENTS.
A TALENTED SELF.
A DOTING BROTHER.
NO!
NO!
NO!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO SUFFER OR SACRIFICE ANYTHING. YOU COULD GO ON IN HAPPINESS.
—NO!
MY REAL BROTHER IS NO LONGER AROUND!
MY REAL PARENTS HATE ME!
AND MY REAL SELF IS JUST A CLUMSY DITZ!
IF ONLY YOU IGNORED THOSE...

I'D RATHER TAKE THE PAINFUL TRUTH
——THAN HAPPINESS BORNE OF FALSEHOOD!
NO, BIG BROTHER.

WELL DONE.
SAW RIGHT BEFORE ME ....
AT THAT TIME THE ME WHO HAD JUST AWOKEN FROM A DEEP SLEEP

NO, BIG BROTHER.
I'D RATHER TAKE THE PAINFUL TRUTH.
THAN A FALSE HAPPINESS!

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